

S. 2373

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment.

S. 2418

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2418, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists.

S. 2423

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2423, a bill making appropriations to address the heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

S. 2426

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2426, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes.

S. 2457

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2457, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for employer-provided education assistance to employer payments of student loans.

S. 2461

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2461, a bill to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science, and for other purposes.

S. 2464

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2464, a bill to implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S.J. RES. 29

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of

S.J. Res. 29, a joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and its associated forces.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2954. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

SA 2955. Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2956. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2957. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2958. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2959. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2960. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2961. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2962. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2963. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra.

SA 2964. Mr. SCHATZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2965. Mr. SCHATZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra.

SA 2966. Mr. SCHATZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2967. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2968. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra.

SA 2969. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2970. Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2971. Mr. KIRK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2972. Mr. KIRK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2973. Mr. CASSIDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2974. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2975. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2976. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2977. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. LEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2978. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2979. Mr. UDALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2980. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. GARDNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2981. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. CARPER)) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2982. Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra.

SA 2983. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. KING)) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2984. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2985. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2986. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2987. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. GARDNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 3040. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3041. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2954. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following:

SEC. 2102. STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE DRAWDOWN AND SALE.

Section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-74; 129 Stat. 589) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) INCREASE; LIMITATION.—

“(1) INCREASE.—The Secretary of Energy may increase the drawdown and sales under paragraphs (1) through (8) of subsection (a) as the Secretary of Energy determines to be appropriate to maximize the financial return to United States taxpayers.

“(2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Energy shall not drawdown or conduct sales of crude oil under this section after the date on which a total of \$5,050,000,000 has been deposited in the general fund of the Treasury from sales authorized under this section.”.

SA 2955. Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. PROHIBITION ON SUSPENSION OF COAL LEASES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall not pause the issuance of Federal coal leases (as described in section 5 of the order of the Secretary of the Interior entitled “Discretionary Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to Modernize the Federal Coal Program”, numbered 3338, and dated January 15, 2016), unless—

(1) the Secretary completes, and submits to Congress—

(A) a study demonstrating that the action will not result in a loss to the Treasury of the United States of Federal revenue; and

(B) a study examining the economic impact the action will have on the relevant industry and jobs; and

(2) Congress approves the action.

(b) LEASING OF FEDERAL ASSETS UNDER MLA.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall begin leasing Federal assets in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).

SA 2956. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2012, to provide for

the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. STATE AUTHORITY FOR HYDRAULIC FRACTURING REGULATION.

The Mineral Leasing Act is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 44 (30 U.S.C. 181 note) as section 45; and

(2) by inserting after section 43 (30 U.S.C. 226-3) the following:

“SEC. 44. STATE AUTHORITY FOR HYDRAULIC FRACTURING REGULATION.

“(a) DEFINITION OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING.—In this section the term ‘hydraulic fracturing’ means the process by which fracturing fluids (or a fracturing fluid system) are pumped into an underground geologic formation at a calculated, predetermined rate and pressure to generate fractures or cracks in the target formation and, as a result, increase the permeability of the rock near the wellbore and improve production of natural gas or oil.

“(b) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of the Interior shall not enforce any Federal regulation, guidance, or permit requirement regarding hydraulic fracturing, or any component of hydraulic fracturing, relating to oil, gas, or geothermal production activities on or under any land in any State that has regulations, guidance, or permit requirements for hydraulic fracturing.

“(c) STATE AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall recognize and defer to State regulations, guidance, and permitting for all activities regarding hydraulic fracturing, or any component of hydraulic fracturing, relating to oil, gas, or geothermal production activities on Federal land regardless of whether the regulations, guidance, and permitting are duplicative, more or less restrictive, have different requirements, or do not meet Federal regulations, guidance, or permit requirements.”.

SA 2957. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2953 proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI to the bill S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following:

SEC. 31 _____. OIL SHALE, TAR SANDS, AND OTHER STRATEGIC UNCONVENTIONAL FUELS.

(a) REAFFIRMATION OF POLICY.—Congress reaffirms the continued need for the development of oil shale, tar sands, and other unconventional fuels as found and declared in section 369(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15927(b)).

(b) REQUIREMENT.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall fully implement section 369(e) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15927(e)).

(c) EXTENSION.—Section 369(c) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15927(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking “In accordance” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) EXTENSION.—At the request of a holder of a lease issued under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall extend, for a period of 10 years, the term of the lease, unless the Secretary demonstrates that the lease holder requesting the extension has committed a substantial violation of the terms of the ap-

proved plan of development of the lease holder.”.

SA 2958. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. PRIORITIZATION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL REVENUES.

Section 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191) is amended—

(1) by striking the section designation and all that follows through “All money received” in the first sentence of subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“SEC. 35. DISPOSITION OF MONEY RECEIVED.

“(a) DISPOSITION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—All money received”; and

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the second sentence, by striking “All moneys received” and inserting the following:

“(2) AMOUNTS TO MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—All money received”; and

(B) in the third sentence, by striking “Payments to States” and inserting the following:

“(3) DEADLINES.—Payments to States”; and

(C) in paragraph (2) (as designated by subparagraph (A)), by adding at the end the following:

“(B) PRIORITIZATION OF REVENUES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, if, after the date of enactment of this subparagraph, the Secretary or Congress increases a royalty rate under this Act (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this subparagraph), of the amount described in clause (ii), there shall be deposited annually in a special account in the Treasury only such funds as are necessary to fulfill the staffing requirements of the agencies responsible for activities relating to—

“(I) coordinating or permitting Federal oil and gas leases;

“(II) permits to drill and applications for permits to drill (APDs);

“(III) compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

“(IV) any other aspect of oil and gas permitting or leasing under this Act.

“(ii) DESCRIPTION OF AMOUNT.—The amount referred to in clause (i) is an amount equal to the difference between—

“(I) the amounts credited to miscellaneous receipts under paragraph (1), taking into account the increased royalty rate under this Act, as described in clause (i); and

“(II) the amounts credited to miscellaneous receipts under paragraph (1), as in effect on the day before the effective date of such an increased royalty rate.

“(iii) MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.—To carry out the staffing requirements prioritized under clause (i), the Director of the Bureau of Land Management may enter into memoranda of understanding for the provision of support work with—

“(I) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;

“(II) the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers;

“(III) the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

“(IV) the Chief of the Forest Service;

“(V) Indian tribes and tribal organizations; and

“(VI) Governors of the States.”.